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Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 119 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/54/508.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 47th and 50th meetings, on 15 and 23 December 1999. At the 47th meeting, the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report (A/54/7/Add.7) were presented by its Chairman. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.47 and 50).

3. At its 50th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly approve the final budget appropriations for the biennium 1998-1999 in the amounts shown in schedule 1 of the Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/631 and Corr.1) and the revised income estimates for the biennium 1998-1999, as shown in paragraph 35 of the report of the Secretary-General (see para. 6).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.39

4. At the 50th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman introduced a draft resolution entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999" (A/C.5/54/L.39).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.39 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

A
Final budget appropriations for the biennium 1998-1999

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee concerning the second performance report;[3]

3. *Notes* that the vacancy rate for the Professional level during the biennium 1998-1999 was higher than the rate on the basis of which the programme budget had been approved;

4. *Resolves* that for the biennium 1998-1999:

(a) The amount of 2,529,903,500 United States dollars appropriated in its resolutions 53/215 A of 18 December 1998 and 53/219 of 7 April 1999 shall be decreased by 41,601,500 dollars as follows:

[1] A/54/631 and Corr.1.
[2] A/54/7/Add.7.
[3] See A/C.5/54/SR.47.

Section		*Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 53/215 A and 53/219*	*Increase/(decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
			(United States dollars)	
Part I.	**Overall policy-making, direction and coordination**			
1A.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	41 341 200	364 500	41 705 700
1B.	General Assembly affairs and conference services	427 653 800	9 830 900	437 484 700
	Total, part I	**468 995 000**	**10 195 400**	**479 190 400**
Part II.	**Political affairs**			
2A.	Political affairs	41 233 900	(183 500)	41 050 400
2B.	Disarmament	12 975 900	(1 172 100)	11 803 800
3.	Peacekeeping operations and special missions	181 423 700	(14 357 500)	167 066 200
4.	Peaceful uses of outer space	3 934 800	242 900	4 177 700
	Total, part II	**239 568 300**	**(15 470 200)**	**224 098 100**
Part III.	**International justice and law**			
5.	International Court of Justice	20 659 600	521 800	21 181 400
6.	Legal affairs	32 449 200	(1 008 300)	31 440 900
	Total, part III	**53 108 800**	**(486 500)**	**52 622 300**
Part IV.	**International cooperation for development**			
7A.	Economic and social affairs	106 958 400	(1 978 000)	104 980 400
8.	Africa: New Agenda for Development	5 230 000	(262 900)	4 967 100
11A.	Trade and development	93 296 400	(4 351 300)	88 945 100
11B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	19 812 700	(1 291 500)	18 521 200
12.	Environment	8 756 600	50 000	8 806 600
13.	Human settlements	12 588 700	367 700	12 956 400
14.	Crime control	5 357 300	(598 600)	4 758 700
15.	International drug control	14 728 400	(842 500)	13 885 900
	Total, part IV	**266 728 500**	**(8 907 100)**	**257 821 400**
Part V.	**Regional cooperation for development**			
16.	Economic and social development in Africa	80 607 800	(3 053 200)	77 554 600
17.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	56 675 900	(2 727 500)	53 948 400
18.	Economic development in Europe	43 549 600	(1 018 600)	42 531 000

Section	*Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 53/215 A and 53/219*	*Increase/(decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
		(United States dollars)	
19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	82 684 000	(3 558 800)	79 125 200
20. Economic and social development in Western Asia	49 752 300	(7 968 700)	41 783 600
21. Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 655 200	(398 000)	42 257 200
Total, part V	**355 924 800**	**(18 724 800)**	**337 200 000**
Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs			
22. Human rights	40 832 600	1 065 200	41 897 800
23. Protection of and assistance to refugees	45 051 000	1 469 400	46 520 400
24. Palestine refugees	21 804 800	3 077 500	24 882 300
25. Humanitarian assistance	17 583 200	34 400	17 617 600
Total, part VI	**125 271 600**	**5 646 500**	**130 918 100**
Part VII. Public information			
26. Communications and public information	135 574 000	(1 711 100)	133 862 900
Total, part VII	**135 574 000**	**(1 711 100)**	**133 862 900**
Part VIII. Common support services			
27. Management and central support services			
A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	11 090 300	(46 200)	11 044 100
B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	20 888 200	(692 200)	20 196 000
C. Office of Human Resources Management	44 675 800	1 282 400	45 958 200
D. Office of Central Support Services	226 894 000	(4 431 600)	222 462 400
F. Administration, Geneva	99 853 200	(2 279 400)	97 573 800
G. Administration, Vienna	30 701 400	(860 400)	29 841 000
H. Administration, Nairobi	12 194 900	1 139 500	13 334 400
Total, part VIII	**446 297 800**	**(5 887 900)**	**440 409 900**
Part IX. Office of Internal Oversight Services			
28. Internal oversight	17 941 500	(173 500)	17 768 000
Total, part IX	**17 941 500**	**(173 500)**	**17 768 000**

Section	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 53/215 A and 53/219	Increase/(decrease)	Final appropriation
	(United States dollars)		
Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses			
29. Jointly financed administrative activities	5 824 200	2 139 900	7 964 100
30. Special expenses	52 684 300	(8 227 800)	44 456 500
Total, part X	**58 508 500**	**(6 087 900)**	**52 420 600**
Part XI. Capital expenditures			
31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	34 173 100	2 838 500	37 011 600
Total, part XI	**34 173 100**	**2 838 500**	**37 011 600**
Part XII. Staff assessment			
32. Staff assessment	314 746 600	(2 832 900)	311 913 700
Total, part XII	**314 746 600**	**(2 832 900)**	**311 913 700**
Part XIII. Development Account			
34. Development Account	13 065 000	-	13 065 000
Total, part XIII	**13 065 000**	**-**	**13 065 000**
Grand total	**2 529 903 500**	**(41 601 500)**	**2 488 302 000**

(b) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(c) In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph (a) above, an amount of 51,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1998-1999 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Final income estimates for the biennium 1998-1999

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1998-1999:

(a) The estimates of income of 362,705,400 United States dollars approved by its resolution 53/215 B of 18 December 1998 shall be decreased by 6,326,200 dollars as follows:

Income sections	*Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/215 B*	*Increase/(decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
		(United States dollars)	
1. Income from staff assessment	324 812 400	(10 101 200)	314 711 200
Total, income section 1	**324 812 400**	**(10 101 200)**	**314 711 200**
2. General income	33 585 400	3 986 200	37 571 600
3. Services to the public	4 307 600	(211 200)	4 096 400
Total, income sections 2 and 3	**37 893 000**	**3 775 000**	**41 668 000**
Grand total	**362 705 400**	**(6 326 200)**	**356 379 200**

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.